THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Sun Temple Konark in Orissa has been declared as 'Protected Monument' by Archaeological Survey of India.

(b) Presently at Konark there is 38-bed accommodation available under control of Orissa Tourism Development Corporation, State PWD and India Tourism Development Corporation.

(c) Central Department of Tourism has sanctioned 60-bedded Yatri Niwas at an estimated cost of Rs. 29.25 lacs at Konark which is under construction.

(d) To popularise Konark the Department has produced the following publicity material on Konark:

1. Orissa brochure
2. Puri-Bhubaneshwar-Konark-folder
3. Shell folder of Konark Wheel
4. Orissa Supplement of Know India Newsletter.
5. film titled "Land of unforgetable Memories".

Development of Tourism in Orissa

2294. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the proposals included in Seventh Five Year Plan for development of tourist spots in Orissa;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for promotion of tourism in that State; and

(c) by when those schemes are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION TND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) The Central Department of Tourism does not allocate funds State-wise or place-wise but scheme-wise. During the first four years of the Seventh Five Year Plan so far, the Department has sanctioned Rs. 129.40 lakhs for various tourism projects in Orissa. These include Yatri Niwases, wayside facilities, water sports and boating equipment, etc.

(b) and (c) Development of tourism infrastructure at tourist centres is an ongoing process. Identification of tourist centres, assessment of their potential and formulation of proposals for central financial assisstance, are the responsibilities of the State Governments. Proposals are invited by the Department from State Governments on a year to year basis and financial assistance is considered subject to merits of the proposals, availability of funds and inter-se priorities. Implementation of projects varies from State to State and project to project, subject to size of the project, its location, executing agency, etc.

Paucity of space at Vasant Vihar terminal

2295. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister for SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the difficulties being faced by the DTC buses and the general public due to paucity of space and heavy private parking at Vasant Vihar Terminal in New Delhi; and

(b) if so, whether any steps have been taken to find out some alternative place for the terminal; if so, what are the details thereof and the progress made in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) DTC does not have off-street parking terminal facilities at Vasant Vihar. DTC has however initiated action to locate a suitable site for commissioning a bus terminal at Vasant Vihar.